

**To:** White, Elizabeth[white.elizabeth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Brown, Byron  
**Sent:** Mon 4/30/2018 4:13:28 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Document Search- Bristol Bay Issues  
Byron Brown-Bristol Bay Pebble FOIA 404c Briefing.pdf

Hi Beth –

I am responding to your request that I conduct a supplemental search of my non-email electronic records and my hardcopy records.

I searched my computer hard-drive and did not identify any potentially responsive documents. I do not use sharepoint or onedrive to save files. I do not use personal email to conduct agency business and do not have any responsive documents on my personal email account. I do not have any text messages or voicemails with responsive information.

I also searched through my paper files, including my working files organized by subject as well as loose documents on my desk that have not yet been organized into subject matter files and my personal notes. I located one potentially responsive document, which is attached. I received this document in conjunction with a January 2018 briefing for the Administrator, and it includes my personal notes that reflect my mental impressions of the discussion and do not represent any official agency policy or decision. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else from me. Thanks.

Byron R. Brown

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**From:** White, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Document Search- Bristol Bay Issues

Byron – I think it's all related. It's different FOIA requests so I think the searches are slightly different.

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**From:** Brown, Byron  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** White, Elizabeth <[white.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:white.elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Document Search- Bristol Bay Issues

I received a similar email from R10 this afternoon. I assume it's the same request?

**From:** White, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:19 PM  
**To:** Brown, Byron <[brown.byron@epa.gov](mailto:brown.byron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Document Search- Bristol Bay Issues  
**Importance:** High

Byron – can you search your paper documents, including paper phone logs and schedules, and non-email electronically stored information (meaning documents or information that are stored electronically but are not contained in emails) for documents responsive to the request below? If you could let me know by Monday that would be great.

**Byron Brown**

Date Range: 11/8/2016-7/21/2017

Subject matter:

1. All internal records, documentation, phone logs, schedules, and/or meetings about (1) withdrawal or rescission of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment; (2) withdrawal or rescission of the 2014 Proposed Determination regarding the Pebble deposit; (3) EPA's use of Section 404(c) with regard to the Pebble deposit; (4) EPA's use of Section 404(c) generally; and (5) settlement with Northern Dynasty Minerals and/or the Pebble Limited Partnership.

2. All external communications with the below listed external parties about (1) withdrawal or rescission of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment; (2) withdrawal or rescission of the 2014 Proposed Determination regarding the Pebble deposit; (3) EPA's use of Section 404(c) with regard to the Pebble deposit; (4) EPA's use of Section 404(c) generally; and (5) settlement with Northern Dynasty Minerals and/or the Pebble Limited Partnership.

External parties:

- o Members of Congress, including any representatives or staff
- o Pebble Limited Partnership, Northern Dynasty Minerals, and/or its officers and directors
- o U.S. Department of Justice
- o U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- o The White House

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